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SUBJECT: DECREE MINITING VEGETABLE OIL CONSUMPTION FROM IMPORTED
OILSEEDS (SOYBEANS)

REF: (A) STATE 47477, (B) SP 7005, JANUARY 21,1977

(C) ROME 3858

1. GOS HAS PUBLISHED IN STATE GAZETTE OF MARCH 9 A
RESOLUTION MARKETING OF SOY OIL. IT IS INTENEDED TO
IMPLEMENT ROYAL DECREE REPORTED REF (B). MEASURE
ESTABLISHEDS CONTROL PROCEDURES BY WHICH SOY OIL
MAY BE MARKETED DMOESTICALLY. SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION
BEING AIR POUCHED TO FAS/WASHINGTON IMMEDIALTELY

2. AS MENTION RE (B) GOS HAS AREADY LIMITED
PURCHASE CONRACTS FOR FIST SIX MONTHS 1977 TO
85,000 M.T.

3. NO ADDITIONAL EXPORT SUBSIDIES BEING GRANTED TO
RESIDUAL SUPPLU SOU OIL AS RESULT OF RESITRICTION ON
DOMESTIC COMSUPLTION. AS WITH MANY SPANISH PRODUCTS
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THERE IS IN EFFECT A TAX REBATE (8 PERCENT ON
EXPORTED SOY OIL

4. SPAIN IMPORTS SOYBEANS FOR PRIMARY PURPOSE OF
MEETING PROTEIN MEAL REQUIREMENTS. SOY OIL AS PRODUCT
OF CRUSHING IS A STATE TRADED ITEM. GENERAL SUPPLY
COMMISSION (CAT) MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, "PURCHASES"

FROM CRUSHERS SPECIFIED AMOUNTS OF PRODUCT ON YEAR TO YEAR BASIS. THIS AGENCY TRADITIONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ACQUISITION AND DISTRIBUTION OF OIL CURSHED FROM IMPORTED SOYBEANS.

5. CRUSHERS NOTE THAT WHILE THEY PREFER CAT TO INCREASE PURCHASES FOR LOCAL DISTRIBUTION (PROFIT MOTIVE LIKELY REASON) THEY SAY THEY HAVE NO DIFFICULTY IN EXPORTING EXCESS QUANTITIES TO YUGOSLAVIA, MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICAN COUNTRIES AT CURRENT PRICES, WITHOUT ADDITIONAL SUBSIDY. NEVERTHELESS, CRUSHERS CONSIDER THERE IS A GOOD POSSIBILITY THAT 170,000 M.T. LIMITATION ANNOUNCED BY GOS MAY BE INCREASED AS LOCAL SOY OIL SUPPLIES DIMINISH. THEY ARE THEREFORE WITHHOLDING FROM WORLD MARKET PART OF THEIR DOMESTIC PRODUCTION.

6. RE PARA 5, REF (A) WE PROPOSE DEFERRING INFORMAL APPROACH TO GOS OFFICIALS UNTIL WE RECEIVE CLARIFICATION AS TO WHETHER THERE ACTUALLY EXISTS AN IMPAIRMENT IN GATT BINDING ON SOY BEANS.

7. RE REF (C), THE GRADUAL ELIMINATION OF SOY OIL SUBSIDY WAS REPORTED IN REF (B) HOWEVER TRADE REPORTS THAT TO DATE NO REDUCTION HAS OCCURED. THIS IN PART CONTRIBUTES TO TRADE OPTIMISM THAT AMOUNT OF PROUDCT ALLOWED FOR INTERNAL CONSUMPTION WILL INCREASE.EATON

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